

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the October 18, 2017 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:01 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Ron Horton, Paul Hettich, Mark Tarkowski, and Jeff Rosenthal and Jen Dosch. Park Board Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Robbie Spencer, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Gina Wolf

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Paul Hettich moved, seconded by Member Mark Tarkowski to approve the September 12, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes: 5: No: 0.** THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Gina Wolf

**COMMUNICATIONS –**

None

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Weber:**

Jim asked Robbie what about ACHS window painting competition, Toni explained that the teachers at AUGS, Antioch Community High School both told her that the kids want to paint brown sheets of paper at home, they wanted the Village to pay for the paint and paint brushes, and they didn't want to have to wash the windows the following week. No one signed up for the competition except for an 8-year-old that wasn't old enough to participate. The businesses owners wanted it, but the students didn't. Jim asked Robbie if he had made any decisions on the Life Jackets for the pool next year. Robbie told the Board that he plans on purchasing more lifejackets. Anyone renting a jacket will be required to give them driver's license in exchange of the lifejacket and a \$3.00 rental fee. The Village will have "VOA" written large on the back of each lifejacket.

Jim told Robbie, he was unable to help at the wine walk that is on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Director Report:**

Robbie told the Board that Gina Wolf and Jeff Rosenthal were both Re-Appointed to the Park Board on Monday night at the Village Board Meeting.

Robbie told that Board that on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> the Fall Wine Walk was the first event that he has attended since coming to Antioch. He felt it went very well and was pleased. We sold over 467 tickets to the event and had over 25 volunteers.

Director Report (continued)

North Pole Express tickets went on Sale last Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to Antioch residents. We had people show up and stand in line at 3:00 pm. Tickets went on sale at 6:00 pm. We had approximately 67 people come for tickets the first night.

The Monster Mash Bash and Treat the Streets is scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. We need volunteers for both events, The Treat the Streets is 12 pm to 2 pm and the Monster Mash Bash is 1 pm until 4 pm.

#### **Antioch Swim Team:**

Robbie will have a new contract drawn up for the Antioch Waves to sign, confirming what is expected from the Village and what the Antioch Waves will be doing. The Village will be doing the concession stand for all swim meets and competitions. Robbie will be meeting with the Waves management team to go over the use of the pool for their practices, swim meets, and competitions meets.

#### **Skate Park:**

Robbie explained to the Board how the conditions at the skate park have deteriorated over the past few years. Robbie does not plan on just fixing what is wrong right now. He plans on completely renovating the park, it may take \$25,000 - \$30,000 dollars to do it right. The Antioch Police department will be requested to check on the skate park more often, Robbie would like to get security cameras at the park as well.

#### **Park Usage:**

Robbie explained to the Park Board how he plans on taking back the Village Parks, he told the Board that "We need to get our leverage back". His plans are to hire 2 additional people to maintain the parks. We should be dictating who can use the parks and when, the Village activities should be first. Paul explained how the military does "Shared Parks" with outside organizations. As for the concessions at the parks, Robbie plans on talking to each organization on how we will move forward with this. The concession stand itself belongs to the Village and the organization simply use them during their sporting event.

Robbie met with John from the Flag Football league, it is possible that the Parks & Recreation Department will be taking over this league in the future. Jeff told the Board that Tackle Football is a dying sport, Jeff asked if we take over the flag football league will it be taking away from Viking Football. Robbie explained his experience with football, he only wants the best for Antioch. The system we have in place right now is not helping these kids for the future. We need a feeder program for the high school. No more will the kids get to high school and be told to forget everything they have learned in the past. They will know what to do from the very beginning. Jen asked if he planned on taking Lacrosse back, the Antioch team have been combined with the Lake Villa organization. Robbie plans on meeting with the AYLL organization leader and the Viking Football leader next week. Jen asked if the Park Board members could attend this meeting? Robbie told the Board anyone is welcome to join him in the meeting. Ron expressed that we could not take over Viking Football, their volunteers having been maintaining the fields since the park was built. Cedric ask Robbie if we can get an idea of what the Viking budget is to maintain the fields. Robbie will be looking into this.

Ron ask if anyone plans on talking to Troy Sondag regarding Sharefest at Pedersen Park. The pathway is completely overgrown and the walkway to the lake needs trimming. Troy has the equipment that could make this job so much easier.

Ron had spoken to Tanner regarding the mulch that is on the Bittner property, why can't they dump the mulch at Pedersen Park and use it for the walking path? Ron would like to see the work done at Pedersen Park when the leaves are gone, it will be easier to clear the path when you can see it.

Paul asked Robbie where he is at as far as getting a dedicated park person. Robbie told the Board that he will be introducing his ideas at the C.O.W. meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. He encourages all Park Board members and Parks & Recreation Department staff to attend. Robbie believes that if he has the support of everyone, then the Village Board will see the need and agree with him. Robbie will explain how the work orders that are placed with the Public Works never get done, or are always put on the back burner. He understands they are short on personnel, therefore we need our own park person.

**Upcoming Events:**

Toni told the Board about the Treat the Streets and Monster Mash that will be on October 21<sup>st</sup>, volunteers are always needed for this day. Toni also reminded the Board that since they all got paid twice in July, they would not be paid for October except for Paul, he was not at the July meeting. They all understood.

**Program Supervisor Report:**

Mary explained how the Camp Crayon registration is going. Classes started in September. Mary is currently working with Joe from the Fire Department to build an emergency action plan regarding tornado drills and fire drills. Next week is Picture week for Camp Crayon. Mary also included in the pack the newsletters that her teachers send out each week to the parents of Camp Crayoners. Mary explained how the numbers are slowly going down on the 5-Star Sports programs, she believes that Robbie's plan on taking over the sports programs is the way to go. Parents want the kids to play the sport in a league format.

Last week Mary and Robbie went to a workshop where Mary spoke about the GoAntioch/AAHAA program that is in Lake County. GoAntioch averaged 5 – 7 walkers each week.

**Financial Reports:**

Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2017 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the Budget.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017

**Other Business:**

Mark expressed that the Crack Willow in Sprenger Park has improved and is getting better. Mary's Park is looking better as well.

Jen asked Robbie if the split rail fence at Tim Osmond Sports Complex could be replaced or taken down? Jen also told the Board that as of today, she has resigned as the Pageant Director and has handed it over to Toni who has been her pageant director assistant for the past few years.

Jen asked since we will not be putting the ice rink up, will the village be selling the rink?

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:38 pm.

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary

